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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 5/16/78

FROM : E. J. Sharp

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PURPOSE:

To state the position of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), regarding the confidentiality of informant files in cooperating with captioned Committee. See D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated April 27, 1978.

DETAILS:

CID is aware of the issue which the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) is attempting to resolve by review of the five informant files in question. Moreover, CID agrees that limiting the review of excised versions of the five files solely to G. Robert Blakey is a reasonable response to the Committee's request. However, the Organized Crime Section, CID, wishes to go on record with the following concerns in this matter:

1. Any request which exceeds the agreed manner of review, such as a request to review the complete informant file should be strenuously challenged and refused.

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2. Requests for copies of any portions of the excised informant files should also be declined as it is obvious that access to both the contents of the substantive case files and even excised versions of the informant files would permit identification of the applicable informants.

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CID is sensitive to the continued and real need to take every effort to maintain the confidentiality of the identity of an informant and ~~Bureau records~~ maintained on his behalf. As in the past, any subsequent requests from the Committee concerning informant records should be referred to CID.

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